Growth parameters of Maharashtra

1845. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has recently examined all growth parameters of Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the observations on the basis of these parameters in respect of that State; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra has been described as an example of a failed State; if so, the basis therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The annual average Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth target assigned to Maharashtra during the Tenth Plan is 7.43 per cent. The State has recorded annual average GSDP growth rate of over 7% during the first four years of the Tenth Plan and is all set to achieve the targeted overall growth rate, though there may be set back in respect of agricultural growth rate. However, the State needs to address problems relating to stagnant agriculture, watershed development, incomplete irrigation projects and increasing regional imbalances.

(c) No, Sir. However, during the Annual Plan 2006-07 discussions with the State Government, it was pointed out that the State had not provided balanced development in all the regions of the State.

BPL people in Andhra Pradesh

1846. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people living below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh as per NSSO 2000;

(b) the percentage of people living below poverty line in Andhra Pradesh as on date; and

(c) whether Government have any specific concrete action plan to eradicate poverty from the State within a specific time period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission